

REMARKS

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications should it prove necessary to do so.

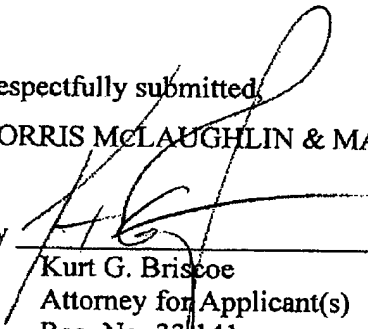
Regarding the traversal, the Examiner has requested and Applicants have made a species election. However, 35 U.S.C. § 121 does not authorize restriction within a single claim. Applicants presume that the Examiner is simply using the species election as a starting point for the examination, and that the Examiner's present intention is not to force Applicants to limit the claims to the elected species. If the Examiner proceeds in any other manner, such as by requiring Applicants to limit the claims, then Applicants reserve the right to present additional arguments in support of this traversal once it becomes clear how the Examiner intends to use the species election.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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